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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:SREF, RP

SUBJECT: REFUGEES IN THE PHILIPPINES

REF: MANILA 6846

FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

1. WE ARE WORKING ON TWO AREAS WHICH SHOULD BRING RELIEF  
TO PHILIPPINES SHORTLY.

2. FIRST, IATF HAS STARTED PLANNING ON OPENING A FOURTH  
CAMP IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH WILL HELP ALLEVIATE  
CRITICAL SITUATION (TYPHOON POTENTIAL) FACING US IN GUAM,  
AS WELL AS OUR POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN  
NEAR FUTURE. SECONDLY, WE EXPECT A SHARP INCREASE IN OUT-  
PROCESSING AT THE RECEPTION CENTERS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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ONE OF THE IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAS SLOWED OUT-

PROCESSING FROM THE RECEPTION CENTERS WAS SECURITY CHECK REQUIREMENT (CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENT) WHICH INVOLVED RECEIVING CLEARANCES FROM FIVE DIFFERENT AGENCIES BEFORE REFUGEES CAN LEAVE RECEPTION CENTERS. THIS BOTTLENECK HAS BEEN BROKEN. THE SECOND AND LARGER PROBLEM AREA HAS BEEN TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE SPONSORSHIP SYSTEM IN ORDER THAT REFUGEES ARE RESPONSIBLY PLACED IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND

HOMES.

3. AS SOON AS SPACE BECOMES AVAILABLE AT PENDLETON, WE WILL START MOVING CAMBODIANS FROM SUBIC ON A FIRST PRIORITY BASIS. WE WILL ALSO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET SOME MOVEMENT ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEE POPULATION IN ORDER TO INDICATE TO GOP WE ARE AWARE OF THEIR CONCERNS AND ARE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH.

4. AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE YOU A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGEMENT WHETHER AN APPROACH TO MARCOS OR OTHER LEVELS OF GOP IS IN ORDER AT THIS TIME.

5. IF YOU BELIEVE AN APPROACH MAY SOOTH PHILIPPINE ANXIETIES, WE WOULD EMPHASIZE (A) USG IS FULLY AWARE OF GOP CONCERNS RESULTING FROM DELAYED MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM THE PHILIPPINES; (B) USG IS MAKING A MAXIMUM EFFORT TO COPE WITH T;E DIFFICULTIES OF PROCESSING SUCH LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE TANGIOLE PROGRESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE; (C) USG HOPES GOP WILL UNDERSTAND WE ARE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND WILL MOVE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE TO START MOVING REFUGEES FROM THE PHILIPPINES. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HOPE GOP WILL DEMONSTRATE AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH THIS HUMAN TRAGEDY INGERSOLLUNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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